Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am not able to say that.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES—ORGANISATION OF HEREDITARY WEAVERS

48. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many co-operative societies have been formed for organising hereditary weavers and on what dates did these societies come into existence;

(*b*) what is the number of hereditary weavers in each of the localities where such societies are in existence and how many of them have become members of their respective societies;

(*c*) what are the facilities that societies offer to their members?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 9 societies. The names of these societies and the dates on which they came into existence are given in appendix. (*Appendix I.*)

(*b*) The number of hereditary weavers in the localities is not known. The number of hereditary weavers who are members of the societies is given in the appendix. (*Appendix I.*)

(*c*) Supply of new materials and weaving accessories, arranging the sale of finished products, and supply of cheap credit are the usual facilities offered by these societies to their members.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Have the Government got in the possession the census figures in 1941 which will show, I presume, the number of weavers in those localities?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was not possible for us to collect that information.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Have the Government got the figures in their possession?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* It will take a long time to ascertain the figures.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* I want toknow whether the Government have not got these figures in their possession.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Not now.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* When were those records destroyed?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not say that they were destroyed. We are not in possession of these figures.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Have the Government lost these figures?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* In the Census Report there is the Occupation Table in which this profession is also mentioned. The Census Report will be certainly in the Council Library and I suppose it has been distributed to the members also.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Did these tables give the figures village by village?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Village-war statistics wonld not be available in the Census Report.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Would they be in the Census records?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is absolutely impossible to sort this now.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES WEAVING ESTABLISHMENTS

49. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) which are the co-operative societies that are running weaving establishments;

(*b*) how many looms are worked by each of them;

(*c*) what is the quantity of yarn consumed and the value of the cloth produced by each of the above societies?

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Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*:
A statement containing the required particulars is appended. *(Appendix II.)*

FIELD OFFICERS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTH AND YARN

50. Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) how many Field Officers are there for the distribution of cloth and yarn in the State.
(*b*) the number of such Field Officers in each Taluk;
(*c*) the area of each Taluk?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) There are at present two Distributing Officers, one for the Northern Division and the other for the Southern Division, with head-quarters at Trichur and Ernakulam respectively. There are also 16 Field Officers and three Assistant Field Officers.
(*b*) and (*c*) *(Appendix III.)*

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know, Sir, how many Field Officers are there in Mukundapuram and Cranganur?

Mr. President: That information is given in the appendix.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Mukundapuram and Cranganur together 3. That is the information given.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: They have not been separately alloted. The areas are so very contiguous.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know whether there is only one village which is the jurisdiction of the Cranganur Field Officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: May I know why there is this disparity in the distribution of Field Officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: It is according to the work that the Field Officers are alloted.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Is it the case that Mukundapuram Taluk the biggest in the State, 500 sq. miles, need only two Field Officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: No complaints has hitherto come to the notice of the Government that the number is insufficient. It is for the Head of Department to report if he wants more and generally he writes if he wants more hands in any particular locality. If he makes the report the Government will consider.

Mr. Puthur Achyutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Will the Government enquire whether there is great difficulty experienced by the people.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. The Government will enquire.

CLERICAL ATTENDERS' POSTS CARRYING PAY LESS THAN Rs. 25

51. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) in which departments of the Government are there clerical or attenders' grades carrying a permanent pay of less than Rs. 25 per month;
(*b*) how many hands are there in each such department;
(*c*) what will be the additional annual cost of converting all these posts to the grades of Rs. 25 to 40?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*:
(*a*) & (*b*) Please see separate statement apppended. *(Appendix IV.)*
(*c*) This would involve an additional average cost of Rs. 54 lakhs per year plus leave and pension charges of Rs. 13 lakhs.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: What is the minimum qualification of these people?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: School Final.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: I find there are 20 persons in the Village Courts on Rs. 10. Is it correct?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes. That is correct.

Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam)*: Do the Government think that it would be advantageous to pay the School Final at the rate of Rs. 10 per mensem.

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APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to Question No. 48)

Serial No.	Name of society	Date of registration	No. of members
1	Kunnathupalayam Weavers' Co-operative Society No. 387	6— 6—1114	88
2	Eravathodi Weavers' Co-operative Society No. 449	20—11—1116	135
3	Kuthampilli Weavers' do. 404	1—12—1114	98
4	Cranganur Pattaria do. 346	10— 6—1112	37
5	Kumbalam Pattaria do. 151	10— 7—1101	26
6	Perumpilli Pattaria do. 342	26— 4—1112	36
7	Kanjiramittam Pattaria do. 287	13— 6—1107	30
8	Vadakkethara Kadambidi Weavers' Co-operative Society No. 486	5— 6—1120	32
9	Neelikad Senkunthar Weaver's Co-operative Society No. 487	10— 6—1120	(Work not started)

APPENDIX II

(Please see answer to Question No. 49)

Societies running weaving establishments

Serial No.	Name of society	No. of looms	Yarn consumed (in bundles)	Value of cloth produced in Rs.	Remarks
1	Cranganur Labour Industrial Co-operative Society No. 326	4	30	800	
2	Cranganur Sadhu Vyavasaya Co-operative Society No. 370	20	240	5,000	
3	Lokamaleswaram Model Panchayat Co-operative Society No. 420	4	25	650	
4	Velukara Rural Reconstruction Co-operative Society No. 430	15	255	6,450	
5	Kundur Gramakshema Co-operative Society No. 461	2	14	290	
6	Kuthampilli Soudambika Weavers' Co-operative Society No. 404	12	9	848	
7	Eravathodi Weavers' Co-operative Society No. 449	42	107	4,526	
8	Killimangalam Co-operative Society No. 25	2	20	398	
9	Desamangalam Co-operative Society No. 134	15	190	7,651	
10	Choondal Model Panchayat Co-operative Society No. 422	12	137	3,047	
11	Kunnamkulam Home Industrial Co-operative Society No. 350	25	131	2,987	

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Serial No.	Name of society	No. of looms	Yarn consumed (in bundles)	Value of cloth produced in Rs.	Remarks
12	Perumpilli Pattaria Co-operative Society No. 342	91	3276	60,000	The looms are owned by the members and the Societies undertakes only supply of yarn and sale of cloth
13	Kanjiramittam Pattaria Co-operative Society No 287	9	500	10,000	do.
14	Kumbalam Village Weavers' Co-operative Society No. 151	6	100	2,500	
15	Veliyanad Rural Reconstruction Co-operative Society No. 403	6	144	3,600	
16	Thykudam Rural Reconstruction Co-operative Society No. 448	12	300	7,073	
17	Mulakunnathukavu Rural Reconstruction Co-operative Society No. 367	3	49	1,425	
18	Kunnathupalayam Weavers' Co-operative Society No. 387	63	1664	4,9516	
19	Manalur Co-operative Society No. 31	8	30	932	
20	Anthikad do. 84	18	259	7,919	
21	Kandassankadau do. 78	3	64	1,507	
22	Chiyyaram Rural Reconstruction Co-operative Society No. 490	3	17	301	
23	Irinjalakkuda Industrial Co-operative Society No. 397	6	39	949	
24	All Cochin Khadi Co-operative Society No. 393	10	7287 Hanks (Khadi yarn)	1, 1	

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APPENDIX III

(Please see answer to Question No. 50)

Sl. No.	*Name of Taluk*	*Area in sq. Miles*	*Nos of Field Officers in each taluk*
1.	Cochin Kanayannur	158·52	4 Field Officers plus 2 assistant
2.	Trichur	245·50	3 do. plus 1 assistant
3.	Chittur	292·75	3 do.
4.	Talapalli	256·00	3 do.
5.	Cranaganur and Mukundapuram	17·51 plus 510·00	3 do.